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1. OTTO SKORZENY [redacted] IS CONTROVERSIAL TYPE VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS BUSINESSMAN, REAL ESTATE DEALER, ARMS DEALER, POLITICAL INTRIGUER, ETC. HIS NAME HAS FIGURED IN SOME ARMS SALES, AND HE AT LEAST CONSIDERED INVOLVEMENT ON KATANGUESE SIDE IN CONGO UPRISING. STA BELIEVES, HOWEVER, HIS NAME OFTEN USED WITHOUT PERMISSION BY REBEL GROUPS TO LEND THEMSELVES IMPORTANCE. CHARGE OF INVOLVEMENT IN BIAFRAN AIRLIFT GOOD EXAMPLE. SKORZENY HAS LEGITIMATE BUSINESS INTERESTS SPAIN, AND THEREFORE MUST STICK CLOSE TO SPANISH POLICY TO STAY OUT OR TROUBLE. SPANISH HAVE SOLD ARMS TO LAGOS, NO INDICATION OTHER THAN RUMORS OF THEIR SUPPORTING BIAFRA.

2. STA BELIEVES REF A PARA 3 STATEMENTS RE SKORZENY HIGHLY DOUBTFUL. WOULD BE PLEASED INVESTIGATE FURTHER IF USEFUL SPECIFIC INFO DEVELOPED, BUT DOUBT LIAISON WOULD PROVE HELPFUL IN VIEW SKORZENY CONTACTS SPANISH.

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